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SUBJECT- SYRIAN AIRLINE AIRCRAFT PURCHASE

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS YOUR MAKING REPRESENTATIONS AT HIGH-
EST LEVELS UAEG ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN FIRMS IN RUNNING FOR
SALE OF WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT TO SYRIA. YOU SHOULD STRESS
THAT LOCKHEED, DOUGLAS AND BOEING ALL HAVE AIRCRAFT OF
DEMONSTRATED WORTH AND RELIABILITY WHILE FRENCH AIRBUS IS
UNPROVEN PRODUCT WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY BE SOLD ONLY IN
LIMITED NUMBERS TO A FEW AIRLINES. YOU MIGHT MAKE POINT
THAT UAEG PRESUMABLY WANTS TO SEE ITS MONEY PUT TO BEST
POSSIBLE USE AND WOULD WANT TO AVOID BEING IN EMBARRASSING
POSITION OF BUYING AIRCRAFT FOR SYRIA WHICH COULD TURN OUT
TO BE BURDEN ON SYRIAN AIRLINES.

2. NO OBJECTION TO YOUR SEEKING ASSISTANCE OF UK AMBASSA-
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